

Assembly Bill No. 1085

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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Secretary of the Senate

This bill was received by the Governor this _____ day of
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Private Secretary of the Governor

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CHAPTER _____

An act to amend Section 6032 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to pests.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1085, Committee on Agriculture. Agriculture: pest control: curly top virus.

Existing law provides for a beet leaf hopper control program administered by the Secretary of Food and Agriculture. Existing law requires every producer or producer-handler of certain agricultural crops susceptible to curly top virus to pay to the secretary an assessment on all those crops sold or delivered to a handler, or in the case of a producer-handler, on those crops marketed by the producer-handler.

This bill would require that the secretary determine those crops susceptible to curly top virus for the purposes of this assessment.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 6032 of the Food and Agricultural Code is amended to read:

6032. As used in this article “handler” means any person that engages in the operation of selling, marketing, or processing any of the crops vulnerable to damage from curly top virus, as covered by this chapter, which he or she has purchased, or acquired from a producer or which he or she is marketing, selling or processing on behalf of a producer, whether as owner, agent, employee, broker, or otherwise. A producer-handler is a producer who operates as a handler as to any such crop produced by him or her. Every producer or producer-handler of agricultural crops susceptible to curly top virus as determined by the secretary, may include, but is not limited to, tomatoes, sugar beets, melons, beans, cucumbers, spinach, and peppers shall pay to the department an assessment on all those crops sold or delivered by him or her to a handler or, in the case of a producer-handler, on those crops marketed by the producer-handler. The full amount of the assessment shall be collected from the producer by the handler at



the point and time that the crop is purchased or received by the handler as provided by regulations of the secretary.



Approved _____, 2003

Governor

